



The Totem Line

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HEAVY WEATHER WEEKEND

Heavy Weather Weekend at Bremerton Yacht Club lived up to its name. Most participants in the predicted log race labeled the wind and water conditions as the worst they could remember for this annual event, with winds of 25 – 35 knots with higher gusts and four-foot waves – sometimes bigger – stacking the surface of Sinclair Inlet and Rich Passage during the two-hour trek.

Totem was well represented for the weekend with twelve members, second only to Bremerton itself in number of club attendees. Two of our boats – *Sound Traveler* and *Lucky Dog II* – braved the ominous wind forecasts to make the trip by water, while the others made it a “land cruise.” Seven Totem members volunteered as observers for the log race, and Bob Watson, who was supposed to be a race contestant but whimped out on bringing *Phantom*, served as the navigator (operator) on one of the BYC boats that was shorthanded. He and contestant Dan DeGard managed to capture first place in the Class 2 bracket – not exactly gold, but certainly a badge of survival.

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While enjoying the social activities at the club Friday evening, Totem members were informed that several of the clubs that had cancelled because of weather had signed up to present skits Saturday evening, leaving only BYC as the sole skit provider. Having such a good club turnout, Totem was cajoled into performing a skit which they put together Saturday afternoon in a matter of an hour or so, relying on props and costumes Cathy and Val had gathered around town. The theme for the weekend, “It’s Five O’clock Somewhere,” was a little easier for Totem to adapt to than the weather overshadowing the race. Totem did manage to come away with a trophy for “first runner up” that will be on display at our clubhouse for the next year.

All in all, everyone enjoyed the weekend, with some looking forward to moving from observing, to being an actual race participant and all speculating what a skit prepared with more notice might look like. By the way, first place prize for the skit competition each year is a rubber clam shovel secured in a wooded box that displays on its cover the names and logos of previous winner clubs. We were proud to see Totem had won three previous competitions even though we did not get to bring it home this year.

Officers' Reports

Commodore Tim Redding



Ahoy All! What a fun month in February. Linda and I went to the Heavy Weather cruise at Bremerton Yacht Club. We drove over Saturday morning and went out on the predicted log race.

We had a really fun time! We

had to leave after the race, but PC Cathy and Ron, VC Debbie and Mat, RC Kris and Lisa, Rick and Julie, Bob and Val all stayed and put together a skit at the last minute and won second place! Great Job.

The Commodore Ball was a great night of fun eating and dancing the night away. Thank you PC Cathy and her crew for all their hard work of putting this on. I know how much work this can be. The band was a lot of fun to dance to and the dinner was excellent with plenty to eat. Had a full house with a turnout of 100+. It was a great night hanging out with family and friends! Thank you Al and Sally for hosting the pre-party on Graceful Spirits.

Coming up we have the Des Moines Commodore ball on Saturday 3/3 at their club house. On the 16th-18th is our Shakedown cruise at Doc street marina in Tacoma hosted by Rick Demere. Let's get those boats out and go boating! Dive overs are always welcome just let the host know. On the 24th we have 2 events TOA ball at Day Island YC. Call and make reservations ahead a time. If you have not been to a ball they are a lot of fun. We also have the Des Moines swap meet on the 24th starts at 09:00hr to about 15:00hr. This is a good fundraiser for the club. If you have any items bring them to the meeting next Tuesday on the 6th. Old lines, fenders, fishing gear, electronics, even things not related to boating.

We have a lot of cruises coming up that we need hosts for. If you would like to host a cruse or co-host a cruise let Fleet Captain Lyle Kagey know.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the next meeting on March 6th.

Vice Commodore Debbie Ales



This has been a very busy month. What a great time we had at the Heavy Weather cruise at Bremerton! Their theme of "It's 5 o'clock somewhere" was wonderful.

Make it a point to check out this event next year.

Many thanks to Jr. Past Commodore Cathy Betts and all the volunteers for putting together a great Commodore's Ball honoring our Commodore Tim Redding. Our awesome evening included food from Spring Lakes Café, music by the Union River Band and many raffles. Totem, Carling, Des Moines, Fox Island, TOA, Viking, Seabacs and IOBG were all in attendance.

Coming up on March 3, we have the Des Moines Yacht Club Ball. All Totem members are invited.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 6. Bob Watson is working hard on our membership annual and plans on distributing it at that meeting. Thanks Bob for all your hard work!

This month we hope to see everyone at the Shakedown Cruise on March 16 at Dock Street. Please contact Fleet Captain Lyle Kagey if you are driving or boating over.

Remember we are collecting for the Swap Meet fundraiser at the Des Moines Yacht Club. Contact Rick Demere if you have items to donate. Our boat

related items will go Friday March 23 to the swap meet setup. The swap meet is 9 - 3 pm on Saturday March 24.

See you on the water.

Rear Commodore Kris Huber

I'm glad to see the membership is growing! I think that is fantastic. I will continue myself in asking those around me at Foss Harbor to become

members. I will have 2 ads in the Foss Harbor newsletter in March for membership and renting the hall. It also looks like we are making progress



on repairs/improvements on the hall. For any new members, please don't hesitate to contact us for renting the hall to friends and co-workers.

Other Reports

The Galley – JoAnn Kagey

Our self-proclaimed "Galley Wench", JoAnn Kagey, offers the following menu for our general membership meetings. If you can take the lead for any meeting, please contact JoAnn to discuss details. Best to reach her at 253-840-9538.

- March Shepard's Pie, Soda Bread, salad, dessert
- April Easter ham, sides
- May Tacos, Ice Cream Sundaes
- June Bring your own meat for BBQ night; pot luck sides and dessert
- Sept. Lasagna, rolls, dessert
- Oct. Beer & Brats, German Potato Salad, Strudel
- Nov. Soup Night, Bread, Dessert
- Dec. Roast beef, gravy, mashed potatoes, rolls, dessert

Sunshine – Louise Burns

Let's call it good news that there's no bad news to report!

Membership – Val Watson

Andy and a Tess Coster are fairly new members of our Club having been sworn in as social members in

June of 2017. They are both natives of Pennsylvania, Tess hailing from Pittsburgh and Andy from Allentown.



Tess won Andy at a benefit dinner in Pittsburgh, PA. Tess was a hostess at the dinner and Andy was without an escort. Tess's aunt, who was in charge of the dinner, held a raffle to see who would sit with Andy. To this day Andy feels the fix was in.

Tess was a senior at Carlow University majoring in Business when she met Andy. Tess went to work in the family business after graduation, a large restaurant in Cranberry Township, north of Pittsburgh. The business was started in 1945 and sold in 2006. Tess worked as the manager and used her great personality to meet and greet customers. The restaurant operated two dining rooms, a large lounge, and, on weekends, a bakery. Andy, when not flying, worked in the bakery and filled in as a cook when needed.

Andy and Tees have a beautiful daughter that lives in Seattle and works as a store manager for Starbucks.

Fleet Captain – Lyle Kagey

Hello Totem Members! Cruising season is nearly upon us! Our first club cruise is scheduled for March 16-18. The Shake-Down Cruise will be at Dock Street Marina in Tacoma and hosted by Rick Demere. Rick always has a great lineup of things to do around the docks and boats and there lots of options in downtown Tacoma. The Glass Museum is a stone's throw away and lunch/dinner options abound! This is a great cruise to get your boat ready for the cruising season. Find out what you may need to do in the maintenance department or just what you left at home and need to get to the boat! There are slips still available. So, get your name in the cruise book and make your reservations with Dock St. Marina at 253-250-1906. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Coming up in April is the Daffodil Weekend at Tacoma Yacht Club. If you are considering bringing your boat into the basin or bringing an RV into the club area, you'll need to get on Tacoma Yacht Club's website and make reservations.

May is traditionally our busiest month and this year is no exception! Cruises are scheduled for every weekend of the month. A few of the cruises are hosted by other clubs. Here is the list for May:

- May 3-6: Seattle Opening @ The Seattle Yacht Club - info on their website
- May 11-13: South Sound Opening @ Des Moines Yacht Club - No info available as of this article but I'm working on it!
- May 18-20: The Boy Scouts Cruise @ Blake Island State Park - If you're interested, let me know for more details
- May 25-28: Memorial Day Weekend Cruise @ Kingston Marina - Details coming soon!

June and July are busy months too! Details coming!

All our cruises are set up, except the two at the end of the season. Feel free to thumb through the cruise book at the next meeting or contact me directly if you'd like to be added to any cruise.

After college, Andy went into the Army and flew helicopter gunships in Vietnam for two tours. He was stationed in Fort Hood, Texas after his return. In August 1975, he returned to civilian life and took a job as a corporate pilot for Mack Trucks in Allentown. Andy and Tess moved to Pittsburg in 1976 when Andy took a job as a corporate pilot for Rockwell International where he flew a large twin-engine helicopter, landing on the tallest building in downtown Pittsburgh. Andy also flew the corporate jets and travelled around the world till the company relocated its headquarters. The company move was not an option for them, so they remained in Pittsburgh. Andy took a position with the local Federal Aviation Administration where he worked for the next ten years as an operations inspector. When Andy was offered a position as Captain for the Seattle Super Sonics' team plane, they moved to Gig Harbor, WA. They purchased a home in Trillium Park. With the sale of the Sonics, the team's plane was sold to a team on the east coast. Andy was hired by Alaska Airlines; he retired from there in August 2013 at the mandatory age of 65.

Andy now enjoys golf, trap shooting and volunteering at the Gig Harbor Eagles along with his duties as the Head Trustee. Andy spends his time from June to September fishing in Ketchikan.

Tess needed something to occupy her while Andy was flying, so she took a position with Proctor and Gamble merchandising, handling clients such as Costco, Fred Myers, Albertson and Walmart. When Tess was ready for a slower pace, she took a part time position with Pier One. Last year, she took a four-week trip last year to China with three friends. Tess now spends her time playing canasta, bunco and mahjong with her friends.

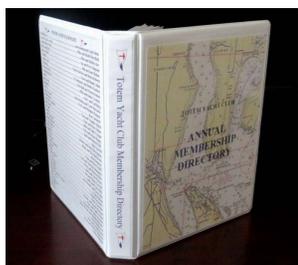
Thanks to Andy & Tess for bringing the Wills, Viklunds, and Barons to our Club!

Lastly, we need hosts for many of our club cruises! Being host is a lot of fun and yes, some work too! But it can be as simple or as elaborate as you want. Many of us have hosted cruises and find it very fun and rewarding. We are always happy to help out anyone interested in hosting a cruise.

Our Kid's Cruise in August is being hosted by Ray and Shelan Aldridge. They have requested a little help... A co-host to help with one of our best cruises of the summer! Please contact me or the Aldridge's if you can help out.

The Cruise Book will be at all events. Look for it and get signed up for some cruises! See you on the water very soon!

Annual Membership Directory –Bob Watson



By the time you read this, you will probably already have received a copy of the 2018 Annual Membership Directory by email. Hard copies for your binder will be distributed

at the March general meeting. In the past, we have given vessel members a second binder for their boat. Last year, many vessel members opted to download/upload the digital version (pdf) to their mobile device, a much more flexible and convenient resource. We encourage others to do the same, as it saves the club printing costs.

Like last year, the 2018 directory will in a 7" by 9" binder with 5 ½" by 8 ½" pages. Those who want a larger version and have a larger binder can print a set from the digital copy they receive. The handout refills will be in black and white – again to save printing costs – but the digital copy will be in color. The front cover has the title printed over a copy of a nautical chart showing the Tacoma – Quitermaster – Gig Harbor region with a red star to indicate the location of Totem's clubhouse. The rear cover provides a convenient listing of the

Totem fleet with each skipper and boat name included.

Members in good standing as of February 20 are included in the current directory. New members or those who renew their membership after that date will be included in a digital directory update around mid-year. Updated pages may be sent to members occasionally by email, so they can stay current. If members detect errors or needed changes in their personal information or anything else in the directory they should notify Bob Watson, so corrections can be made.

Finally, our directory is supported by numerous sponsors who advertise in the book. This support yields substantial income to our club, so if you have a chance to say "thanks" to any of them, please do so.

Totem Line – Jenny Kenyon & Heidi Merrifield

Please send info for the newsletter by the 20th of each month to totemline@gmail.com.

2018 Appointed Chairs:

Bar	Linda Harms
Bylaws	Jenny Kenyon
Clothing	Sally Vraspir
Education	Bob Watson
Facebook	Doug Gelowitz
Fleet Surgeon	Tony Dulas
Galley Steward	JoAnn Kagey
IOBG & RBAW	Ron Reding
Membership	Val Watson
Reciprocal Manager	Ron Reding
Rental Manager	Provi Simpson
Sergeant at Arms	Randy Kenyon
Sunshine	Louise Burns
Totem Line	Jenny Kenyon & Heidi Merrifield

Cruise Schedule 2018 – Fleet Captain Lyle Kagey

Date	Event	Where	Details
March 16-18	Opening Day Shakedown Cruise	Dock Street Marina	12-15 slips available. Rick Demere hosting. <i>Participants must make their own reservations with the marina:253-250-1906</i>
Apr 12-15	Daffodil Marine Festival	Tacoma YC	Theme is “Traditions in Bloom”. www.tacomayachtclub.org/Daffodil_2018 .
May 3-6	Seattle Opening	Seattle YC	Complimentary moorage. <i>Participants must make their own reservations by 4/9 at www.seattleyachtclub.org > Home/The Club > Opening Day.</i> Theme is “Ocean Crossings”.
May 11—13	South Sound Opening	Des Moines YC	
May 18—20	Boy Scouts Work Party	Blake Island Marina	
May 25 —28	Memorial Day Cruise	Port of Kingston Marina	20 slips available. Non-refundable \$7 reservation fee.
June 1—3	Blessing of the Fleet	Gig Harbor	Anchor out.
June 15—17	Viking-Totem Joint Cruise	TBD	
July 3 —5	Independence Day	Quartermaster Harbor	Anchor out.
July 13—15	Commodore’s Cruise	Eagle Harbor City Dock	
July 27—29	First Mates/SeaFair	Bell Harbor Marina	14 slips on B dock reserved.
Aug. 10—12	Kids Cruise	Dockton Marina Vashon	No reservations: first come, first served.
Aug. 24—26	Tim’s Anchor Out	Penrose State Park	Anchor Out.
Aug. 26—30	South Sound Cruise		Multiple stops.
Aug. 31—Sept. 3	Labor Day Cruise	Swantown Marina, Olympia	
Oct 12—14	Halloween Cruise	Port Orchard Mariana	With Des Moines YC.
Nov 23—25	Turkey Cruise	Des Moines Marina	Hosted by Mike & Heidi Merrifield.
Nov. 30—Dec. 1	Special People’s Cruise	Foss Waterway	Dock Street Marina 11/30. Foss Waterway 12/1.
Dec. 15-16	Lighted Boat Parade	Foss Seaport	

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Des Moines Yacht Club Swap Meet

Saturday March 24, 2018

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Totem needs your boat related items to sell at at this fundraiser. Clean out your boat, your storage areas, your garage and donate your items to this fundraiser.

Bring your donated items to Totem's March 6 General Meeting.

We also need volunteers to haul items to the sale and/or staff the booth!

Contact Ron Reding at 253-279-0314 or r_reding@comcast.net

Totem General Meetings are the 1st Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 for dinner & 7:30 call to order. Board Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Meetings are at the club house. No meetings in July & August.

March 3	Des Moines Yacht Club Commodore's Ball	Des Moines Yacht Club
March 24	Tacoma Outboard Association Commodore's Ball	Day Island Yacht Club
April 7	Spring House and Grounds	Totem Yacht Club
April 21	Fox Island Commodore's Ball	Fox Island Club
June 22-24	Taste of Tacoma Parking Fundraiser	Totem Yacht Club
Sept. TBD	Carling Yacht Club Commodore's Ball	TBD
Sept. 8	Fall House and Grounds	Totem Yacht Club
Sept. 22	Fall Social Fundraiser	Totem Yacht Club
Oct. 6	Viking Yacht Club Commodore's Ball	Viking Yacht Club
Nov. 6	Totem Election Night	Totem Yacht Club
Dec. 1	Christmas Party	Totem Yacht Club

Totem Yacht Club

Shake Down Cruise

March 16 - 18



Let's get the club's fleet dusted off, shined up, and ready to kick off a fun new season of cruising!

Each participating vessel needs to reserve a slip with **Dock Street Marina** by **Friday March 9**. Call 253-250-1906.

Hail Totem on Channel 68, 15 minutes before you arrive.

\$5 per person, payable to Totem Yacht Club.

Friday March 16

- + 5:00 pm Happy Hour starts
- + 6:00 pm Taco Dinner on the Dock.

Saturday March 17

- + 9:00 am Breakfast
- + 1:00 pm Blessing of the Fleet
- + 6:30 pm Pot Luck - bring your favorite dish to share

Sunday March 18

- + 9:00 am Continental Breakfast
- + Leave at your own convenience

We Need Your Stuff to Sell for Totem's Fundraiser at



Marine Swap Meet



**Saturday March 24, 2018 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Totem needs your boat related items to sell at our booth at this fundraiser. So, clean out your boat, your storage areas, your garage and donate your items to this fundraiser.

Bring your donated items to Totem's March 6 General Meeting.

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TACOMA OUTBOARD ASSOCIATION



**2018 Commodore's Ball
Honoring
Commodore Larry Olsen and
First Mate Sherri**

**Day Island Yacht Club
March 24th, 2018
\$90.00 per couple for Guests
BYOB**



**Social Hour at 1800
Introduction of Commodores at 1900
Dinner by Scott Clement at 1930
Dancing to the Michael Crain Band
from 2100 to 2300**

Come out for a Wonderful Night of Great Food and Dancing



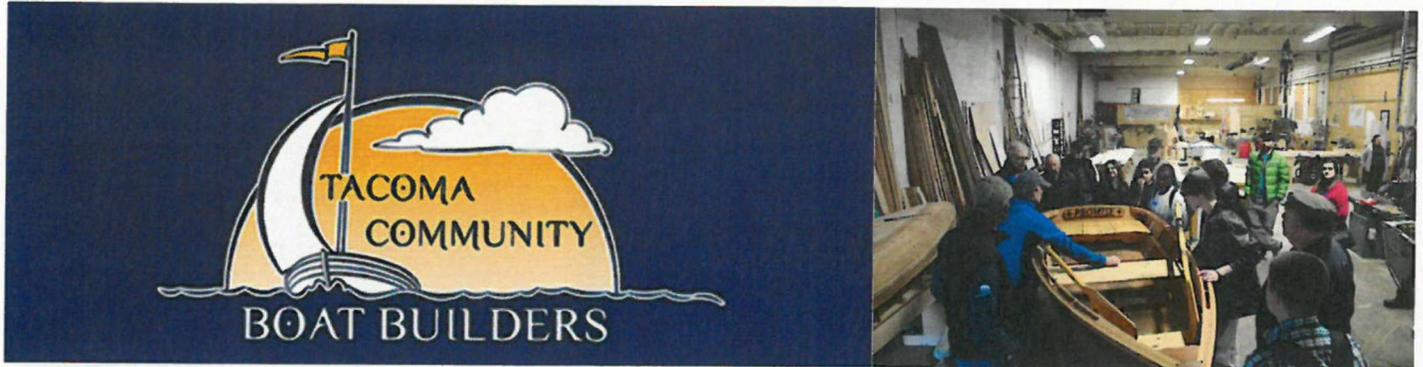
Must RSVP Dave Hoover (253) 686-2134

drhoover2001@q.com

**Please send Checks payable to
Tacoma Outboard Association**

**C/O David Hoover
8304 Wildwood Ave
Lakewood, WA 98498**

TACOMA COMMUNITY BOAT BUILDERS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS



Tacoma Community Boat Builders works with at-risk youth building and sailing small wooden boats. Our youth participants work with mentors to learn woodworking, boat building and sailing skills. They also discover the value of integrity and a solid work ethic. Through the practice of craftsmanship and patient skill building they develop self-discipline, confidence, and a sense of pride in the work they do. TCBB offers a safe and engaging experience that can lead to expanded horizons, better decision-making, higher employability, and positive involvement in our community.



TCBB is looking for 2 volunteers to transport young men from Juvenile Court to TBCC, help with class, and bring them back to Juvenile Court. Volunteers will use a county car to use to transport the young men. The commitment is on Tuesdays, from about 2:30 -- 8:30pm through April 8.

Background check forms are here: www.volgistics.com/ex/portal.dll/ap?AP=304566507

Completed forms and questions should be directed to:

Carrie Appling, Volunteer Services Coordinator at Pierce County Juvenile Court



[\(253\) 798-3837](tel:(253)798-3837)



[\(253\) 798-7649](tel:(253)798-7649)



Carrie.Appling@co.pierce.wa.us

HEAVY WEATHER WEEKEND



The weather lived up to the event name.



Bremerton YC's Winning Skit



Above: Totem wins 2nd place in the skit contest.

Right: Heavy Weather Skit Buffo Buffalo Trophy for 1st Runner Up.

Far Right: Rick Demere & First Mate Julie



Totem Yacht Club's Commodore's Ball



Presentation of Officers



Left top: Commodore Tim Reding & First Mate Linda Harms.

Above: Party girls!

Below Right: Past Commodore Mike Holeman and First Mate Phyllis.

Below: Commodore Tim Reding with son William and daughter-in-law Carolyne.

Left bottom: Commodore Tim Reding with sons Tim (left) & William (right).

